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Formulation of Courses for Employment Generation
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

Private Universities to formulate such courses in higher education which would provide employment in addition to degrees;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has directed the Universities to bring about improvement in courses every three years according to the instantaneous conditions and give impetus to skill development schemes;
(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the basis for evaluation and changes in courses of all Universities in three years is going to be for providing vocational education as per the market demand; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC), vide its letter dated 24th August 2012, had requested all the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities to introduce skill based various vocational courses in compliance to the National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF) for meeting future skilled manpower requirements of the Industry and other sectors of the employment market. UGC has also intimated that it has framed guidelines for Curricular Aspects and Assessment Criteria and Credit System for skill based vocational courses to facilitate their implementation. In addition, the Choice Based Credit System suggested by the UGC has skill components in the form of Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) and Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC). The broad templates for such skill oriented courses as applicable to most of the suggested vocational programmes are available at www.ugc.ac.in .

(c) to (e): The Government, vide its letter dated 24th January, 2017, had requested the UGC to facilitate review and revision of academic curricula of all academic departments in Universities to make Higher Education in the country more and more employment oriented. Accordingly, UGC vide its letter dated 31st January, 2017 has requested the Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities in the country to ensure review and revision of academic curricula of various programmes offered by them and by their affiliated colleges at least once in every three years. UGC has recommended that while undertaking such review and revision of academic curricula, the Universities should consider the existing and potential demand and supply of skill sets to make University/College students employable. Universities are Autonomous Bodies created either under Central Acts or the State Acts and the onus of formulation and revision of syllabus lies with these universities.
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